

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES – June 15, 2020

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION. A regular meeting of the State Board of Health was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Travis Teetor, at 1:05 PM on June 15, 2020 via WebEx video conference hosted in Conference Room Licensure Unit 1 of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were mailed electronically to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting, and posted on the Health and Human Services website. The following members were present via video, telephone or in person: Joel Bessmer, MD; Kevin Borchert, PharmD, RP; Shane Fleming, MSN, RN; Michael Hansen, FACHE; Diane Jackson, APRN; John Kuehn, DVM; Kevin Low, DDS; Debra Parsow; Daniel Rosenthal, PE; Wayne Stuber, PhD, PT; Travis Teetor, MD; Doug Vander Broek, DC; Joshua Vest, DPM and Jeromy Warner, PsyD, LP. Quorum met.
Staff and others attending: Ron Briel, Matt Gelvin, Monica Gissler, Marla Scheer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Dr. Teetor asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. Dr. Stuber made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Warner; voting yes: 14 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Low, Parsow, Rosenthal, Stuber, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Dr. Teetor asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the April 15, 2020 regular meeting held in via teleconference. Dr. Stuber made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Warner; voting yes: 14 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Low, Parsow, Rosenthal, Stuber, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

UPDATES, REPORTS

- Licensure Unit Update – Matt Gelvin, RPQI Administrator reported on the bidding process for a new licensing information system.
- Board of Health Chairperson – Travis Teetor, MD
- 1. I appreciate everyone being flexible in scheduling this meeting. We all have to be creative in how we accomplish the work that needs to be done.
- 2. Darrell Klein, DHHS attorney and recently Deputy Director of Public Health, resigned after 30 years of service. Becky Wisell, Licensure Unit Administrator, is acting Deputy Director.

Credentialing Review (407) Committee – Ms. Parsow, Committee Chair, presented.
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review.aspx>

- Athletic Trainers: Diane Jackson is chairing the Technical Review Committee. They held their first teleconference meeting on June 2nd, and will meet again on June 18.

- APRNs: We received the applicant group's proposal this morning. We are now in the process of scheduling the first teleconference of this review for some time in July or August. Jeromy Warner will chair the Technical Review Committee.
- Music Therapy: We have not heard from Music Therapists since initial contact from them last winter—no letter, no fee, no proposal.
- Art Therapy: All three phases of this review are now complete. All three review bodies recommended in favor of the proposal.
- Other Potential Upcoming Reviews:
- Applied Behavior Analysts, 2021: Credential ABA practitioners
- Podiatry: To seek change in scope of practice to allow Podiatrists to use Physician Assistants

4. Rules and Regulations Committee – Mr. Hansen, Committee Chair, reported. Regulations were reviewed with staff during the morning committee meeting.
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

Behavioral Health and Consumer Services – Kris Chiles

- 172 NAC 15 & 16 – Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Chapter 16 Repealed.
- 172 NAC 81, 82 & 83 – Massage Therapists

Rehabilitation and Community Services – Claire Covert-ByBee

- 172 NAC 17 – Licensure of Athletic Trainers
- 172 NAC 23 & 24 – Audiology & Speech Language

Other Public Health

- 178 NAC 2 & 4 – Public Swimming Pools – Chapter 4 Repealed. Steve Goans.
- 180 NAC 24 – Physical Protection Radioactive Material. Julia Schmitt.
- 186 NAC 4 – Parkinson's disease Registry. Sue Medinger.

- UCA Regulation Status Report. Nine sets are currently with the Governor for review, and four sets have recently been approved.
- Dr. Teetor asked if anyone wanted any of the regulations separated out for individual voting. Mr. Hansen made a Committee motion to approve all proposed rules and regulations with one collective vote. Voting yes: 14 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Low, Parsow, Rosenthal, Stuberger, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.
- UCA Regulation Status Report. At the morning committee meeting, Kris Chiles reviewed the timeline for regulations going through the update process. We anticipate several sets of proposed regulations for review at the September meeting.

Professional Boards Committee. Dr. Warner, Committee Chair, reported. They did not hold a morning committee meeting. Recruitment efforts continue for fall appointments. There were two recent resignations that will be added to the recruitment efforts. We continue to need public member applicants.

There are 44 planned professional board interviews for 2020. Vacancy information for 2020 has been posted to the website: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Requirements-and-Vacancies.aspx>

Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee: Mr. Fleming, Committee Chair, reported. They discussed the status of legislative bills. The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene on July 20, 2020. We will review our Category 1 bills and determine if any action is appropriate.

Public Health Recognition: The Big Fix, A Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats, nominated by Dr. Low. The Kearney Area Animal Shelter (KAAS) secured the services of several Volunteer Veterinarians to provide an entire day of surgical spaying and neutering for cats at a cost of \$20 each, for pets and trapped feral cats. Almost every community in Nebraska has a concern with over population of cats. This initiative addresses that concern by helping to significantly reduce the number of kittens born each year, many of which often end up homeless or euthanized. The veterinarians collectively performed 172 surgical services as well as rabies immunization, with no additional charge, on as many cats. Considering the potential for females to bear kittens almost any time of the year, the event prevented somewhere between 45,000 to 50,000 kittens over the next 10 years.

Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 14 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Low, Parsow, Rosenthal, Stuberger, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

We applaud this public health effort, and will recognize them with a certificate and a press release.

Approval of Committee Reports. Dr. Teetor made a motion to approve the Committee Reports. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 14 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Low, Parsow, Rosenthal, Stuberger, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Board of Health meeting dates for 2021:

January 25, with legislative luncheon

March 15

June 14

September 20, interviews on Sunday, September 19

November 15

TOPICS AND PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING. At the April 15, 2020 meeting, it was decided not to pursue an out-of-Lincoln meeting this year. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be September 21, 2020 in the State Office Building in Lincoln, room Lower

Level B, or by WebEx / teleconference. Professional Board interviews will be conducted on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Note: A special meeting for Rules and Regulations will be held via WebEx on July 28, 2020.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Mr. Hansen made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Ms. Jackson all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler.

These minutes were approved by the State Board of Health on July 28, 2020.

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7/28/20, mcg